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The greatest single civic asset of a community is the integrity of its newspaper.

Casting About

The subject for this week's study hour—is Post Office pens—each pupil will be expected to bring in a short essay—written with a post office pen—perhaps there is hope that these pens will improve—what with the Republicans all but in the White House—the first thing Dewey should do—is to seek out the man—somewhere in the catacombs of the Post Office Department—who is in charge of filling down the points of the pens—he should be made to sit down—use a pen, post office type—and write one thousand times—"I am a Democrat"—or perhaps he is a Republican rebel—whoever is in charge of this department must have a macabre sense of humor—most signatures made with these pens—look like the writer was trying to forge his rich uncle's signature—or a fraudulent money order—or trying to extort money from a bank—these pens were probably intended more for etching—or diamond cutting—than for use in the Rinehart Functional Handwriting System—some of these pens have been known to spatter ink—as far as seven feet from point of impact—of course the courageous individual who uses them—receives a gentle sprinkle too—something like the German measles—it is not known whether the pens or the post office trucks have been at work longer—they are making talking

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2, Fried Clams at the Latch String every Friday.
Dance at the No. 7 Community Club.
July 3-10, Massachusetts Christian Endeavor Conference.
July 4, Dr. Daniel A. Pollard will preach at the Auditorium.
July 5, Garden Club basket picnic—Northfield Hotel fireplace, 6:30 p.m.
July 6, "The Great Big Doorstep," opens at Keene Summer Theatre.
July 8, Public Forum at the town hall, downstairs. Subject, "Civil Rights".
July 9, Ladies Benevolent Society food and fancywork sale on the Farms Library lawn.
July 10, Ladies sewing society apron and food sale on Mrs. Colton's lawn.
July 12, Repeat performance, "Three-act comedy "Spring is Here".
July 13, "School for Brides" opens at the Keene Summer Theatre.
"My Sister Eileen" at the Brattleboro Summer Theatre.
July 16-17-18, "The Old Homestead", Potash Bowl, Swanzy, N. H.
July 24, W. U. T. U. food sale on Mrs. Colton's lawn.
August 14, Historical Society food sale at the museum.
August 21, Legion Auxiliary food sale on Mrs. Emory Riker's lawn, 2 p.m.

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Northfield To Share In Additional Funds

The Northfield School Committee meeting was held on Monday evening, June twenty-first, with two members present—Mr. Sidney H. Given, Chairman, and Mr. Irving J. Lawrence, Secretary.

Superintendent Taylor presented communication from the Assistant Director of the Greenfield Vocational School, commending our vocational students for their record at the school. Franklin M. Berry, Leland A. Black, and David A. Dwight received Vocational Diplomas and John S. Dambeck and Wayne R. Billings received Machine Util. Trade Diplomas. Special prizes were also awarded to two of these graduates—Wayne Billings received the book award for "Excellence in the Machine Shop Course" and John Dambeck received one of the four awards for "Excellence in Machine Shop". Both of these boys were on the Honor Roll for one year.

Superintendent Taylor reported the favorable action by the recent Legislature, granting funds for the improvement of school housing and for the broadening of the educational program. He stressed that Northfield will be one of the towns eligible for a 47-50 per cent reimbursement, should they decide to add a gymnasium to the present plant. He emphasized the fact that many towns have broken ground and others have started construction, and they of course would have first call on available funds. Northfield should be making plans if they expect to receive help with this project.

The transportation contract of Robert Dumbreck was renewed for three years at the same rate as this past year.

Commander Richard Steenbruggen and Post Chaplain Lester P. White, were elected delegate and alternate delegate respectively, to the State American Legion Convention in Worcester, during the latter part of August.

Edward M. Powell, Jr. was appointed Adjutant for the remainder of the year to replace Herbert C. White, who re-entered the A. A. F.

Ed Kowic, chairman of the house committee, called for all members of the Post to report to the quarters for a special meeting—members are requested to report in old clothes and with rags. Refreshments will be served.

The nominating committee elected at this meeting was composed of Edward M. Powell, Sr., chairman, Warren Whitman, Harold Briesmaster, Edward Luciw and Thomas Hurley.

The annual banquet will be held sometime in September and the next regular meeting will also be in September, meetings for July and August having been suspended according to regular custom.

A new member, Gilbert H. Stacy, of South Vernon, was sworn in as a new member.

Card of Thanks

The Young People of the Congregational Church wish to thank the townpeople for their liberal support of the play "Spring Is Here." Donations of candy and flowers were greatly appreciated and we especially want to express our gratitude to Miss Sophie Servais, Mrs. Sinclair Sutherland and Mrs. Robert N. Taylor for their work.

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PUBLIC FORUM

Thursday, July 8, 8 p. m.
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Subject: "Civil Rights"
Round Table Discussion

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Stricken on Train Coming to Northfield

Mrs. Lacie Mason of St. Petersburg, Florida, was suddenly stricken with a serious heart attack at Springfield after boarding a northbound train for East Northfield. She had come from Buffalo, N. Y., where she had visited her son and family and intended to open her summer home here in Mountain Park and remain for the summer. This was on Tuesday, June 29th.

She was hurried in the scant time allowed for train connection and in her anxiety collapsed. A doctor was called who permitted her to go on to East Northfield but upon arrival she suffered a paralysis on the left side. Dr. True and a special auto was at the train to meet her and immediately removed Mrs. Mason to the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital. She is doing as well as can be expected.

Superintendent Taylor reported the resignation of Richard Whitney from the position of assistant to the janitor. There has been no nomination for the position as yet.

Superintendent Taylor reported the resignation of Miss Catherine D. Riker as Union Secretary, to take effect August 15. Miss Riker has accepted a position at the Mount Hermon School. No one has been appointed to this position as yet.

Because of the absence of one member, it was voted to hold a special meeting in July to attend to unfinished business.

Garden Club Picnic

Members of the Garden Club will gather about the fireplace of the Northfield Hotel on Monday evening, July 6th at 6:30 o'clock for a basket picnic and an interesting program. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance and that the weather will be promising.

THE LADIES' CIRCLE

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Auxiliary Food Sale

The Women's Auxiliary of the Haven H. Spencer Post, American Legion, is holding a food sale on August 21, a Saturday. The sale will be held on the lawn of Mrs. Emory Riker.

Ladies of the town are asked to save the various coupons they receive with the following products, LaRose Products, Kirkmans, Octagon and Bordens, and to turn them over to Mrs. Riker.

There will be no meeting of the Women's Auxiliary during the month of July.

Boy Scout News

Troop 9, Northfield, has been making plans for a number of its scouts to attend the council camp, Camp Chesterfield, during the month of July.

This past week end members of the troop committee, Winthrop Sanderson, Ralph Livermore, and Edgar Livingston were at Camp Chesterfield helping to get the camp ready for the first boys who will arrive on Sunday, July 4.

The following scouts from our troop plan to attend Camp Chesterfield for one or more weeks: William Barnes, Jamie Gillespie, Arnold Howe, Stanley Howe, Deane Lanphear, James Livingston, Richard Lombard, David Mroczeck, William Potter, Richard Riker, Richard Rogers, George Sheldon, Leonard Stebbins, Richard Whitney and Robert Whitney.

In order to get the boys to camp several of the parents are planning to drive down Sunday. This transportation is being taken care of by Mrs. Norman Whitney, Mr. James Gillespie, Mr. Edgar Livingston, and Mr. Rueben Riker.

The scout master Norton Field has resigned in order to return to his college studies at Brown University. In his absence any questions concerning scouting should be referred to the troop committee chairman, Edgar J. Livingston.

Unlicensed Dogs Are To Be Rounded Up

257 dog licenses have been issued thus far this year, according to Town Clerk Josephine S. Haskell, but there are a number as yet unlicensed and the names of these dogs will of necessity be turned over to the town Dog Officer unless immediate application for license is made to the town clerk.

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Dr. Park in Ohio

On July 4 and July 11, Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield Schools, will be guest preacher at the First Congregational Church in Columbus, Ohio.

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Civil Rights

The subject for discussion at the first forum meeting sponsored by the PRESS will be "Civil Rights". W. M. Powell, Sr., and Alfred H. Wilson will act as discussion leaders for the evening.

In starting these public forum meetings during the summer, we hope to interest some of the summer residents who read the PRESS and would like to participate in this kind of community activity. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in these discussions. Don't forget the date! July 8 at the town hall, 8 p. m.

Belly Floppers

All this heat and no "old swimmin' hole". The other day while driving to Brattleboro, through Hinsdale, N. H., we noticed a swarming mass of "little fry" solving the big problem of the day — how to beat the heat. They were paddling, splashing and swimming around in a swimming pool, just outside of town. It looks as if it were a community sponsored affair, for it is located on school grounds.

We have never seen a happier group of kids doing "belly floppers". There were a few steaming adults around — looking as if they were thinking, "I wonder if I dare jump in too?"

It seems like a fine idea all in all — no matter who is behind it. How did they do it?

Dr. Poling To Preach At The Auditorium

The Massachusetts Christian Endeavor Conference will begin its annual seven-day conference on the campus of the Northfield School for Girls tomorrow. More than 500 delegates are expected from New England and nearby states.

Heading the list of speakers and leaders will be Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, who will preach at the morning and evening services on Sunday. Dr. Poling's son was one of the four immortal chaplains commemorated on a recently issued postage stamp.

Town Topics

Miss Daisy Treen of Brookline has arrived at her cottage in the Highlands to spend the summer.

The Misses Maud and Emma Curtis of Bridgeport, Conn., entertained at their cottage on the Ridge over last week end, Mrs. John Hancock and her daughter, Jane, of Bridgeport.

In The Churches

TRINITARIAN

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister
Sunday, July 4.

10:45 a. m. Worshipping with the Christian Endeavor Conference at the auditorium on the campus of the Northfield School for Girls. Dr. Daniel Poling will preach.

The three act comedy play, "Spring Is Here," recently performed by the young people will be presented again, by popular request, in the Northfield Town Hall on Monday evening, July 12.

Mr. Reeves will be at a Pilgrim Fellowship Conference for young people for the week of Monday, June 28th to Monday, July 5th. He will teach a course on "The Life and Teachings of Jesus."

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
South Vernon, Vt.

Rev. Elvin W. Blackstone
Services every Sunday 10:30 a. m.
Sunday School, 11:45 a. m.

Loyal Workers, 6:45 p. m.

Praise Service, 7:30 p. m.

Weekly Prayer Meeting, Thursday, 7:45 p. m.

ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Henry J. McCormack, Pastor.
Masses: First Sunday of Month,
8:30 a. m. All other Sundays,
10:30 a. m.

In this, his 90th year, he is working on an airplane appliance which will reduce air accidents to a minimum and hopes to have it completed before his 100th birthday.

This extraordinary man, and inventor, is George A. Long, of Boston, born in Northfield on March 3, 1860.

Mr. Long is credited with having built the first steam automobile in 1875. It was built in Northfield, a charcoal burning contraption propelled by steam. Remember, if you will, that it was seven decades ago that he chugged through the streets of Northfield, scaring horses and astonishing citizens and causing the Selectmen to order him off the roads.

The car had a speed of up to 30 miles an hour on a straightaway — if a road be found smooth enough. The car was clumsy, with wooden wheels, fifth wheel in front for steering and a solid rear axle in which the driving wheels were keyed.

He raced horses and buggies right off the road — more out of fright than with the speed.

The inventor used kerosene and powdered coal first, but it flared back and singed his hair. He then turned to charcoal and found this fuel the most practicable.

Despite threats of arrest by local police he managed to demonstrate this vehicle on deserted byways after dusk.

Mr. Long got his idea while visiting a fair in Brattleboro, Vt., given for Union soldiers in 1862 — and upon seeing a demonstration of a steam engine there he vowed that he too would some day build a steam engine, and use it for motivation. He did — thirteen years later.

This "horseless carriage" is not Mr. Long's sole claim to lasting fame, for in 1920, he invented a device, which was patented in five countries, intended for use in salvaging the torpedoed "Lusitania", with a rumored \$50,000,000 in her holds. The British government was interested in this scheme to the extent of having the plans sent to Viscount Grey in Washington. The invention, somewhat akin to a submarine, was never used,

but it was said that it was superior to the method devised by Simon Lake, for the same purpose.

Mr. Long, while living in Northfield was engaged in the lumber and carriage business, and built mills and steam plants all over northern Massachusetts and Vermont.

Mr. Long recalls the day, when working on the house now occupied by his nephew, Dr. Richard Holton, a newsboy came down the street shouting the news. He bought a paper, sat on the porch, and read that the Civil War had begun.

The inventor, who is now totally blind, still works on mechanical research, using his fingers instead of his eyes — adding to the incredible saga of inventive genius.

During the Massachusetts Bay Colony Centenary celebration, on August 1, 1930 in Northfield, Dr. Holton drove one of his uncle's "horseless carriages," a three wheeled automobile. This car was built in 1880.

Mr. Long is a Life Honorary President of the Massachusetts Council of Automobile Old Timers.

Much of this information is from the "Old Timers News", "The Official Publication of the Automobile Old Timers".

In his 90th year he said, "We must live for the present and the future". Now on the verge of his 100th year he still holds firm to his creed — and dreams new visions for the future.

POET'S CORNER

(Contributions by local poets are welcome)

This poem is taken from the magazine OUR DUMB ANIMALS.

The Mother

By MARY BOYD WAGNER

Dodging the oncoming traffic —
Wary of careless feet —
Daytime or night you may see her
Cautiously cross the street.

Body that's gaunt and sagging
Under her dragging fur —
Fear-ridden eyes that are dulled by
the pain.

Life has dealt out to her.
No one in all of the thousands
Notices her in her need:
No one — it seems — cares a hoot
That she has

History in the Making in Northfield
NUMBER TWENTY-ONE IN THE SERIES
Prepared by the Northfield Historical Society

The ruling elder was above the deacons. For instance in Northampton, Elder John Strong ranked above Deacon William Hokon, the ancestor of the local Holtons. Teacher and elder are terms of the early days. How such little settlements could afford two ministers is a marvel, except that it shows the emphasis they placed on religion, in a day of two two hour sermons on the Sabbath and another, called, Thursday lecture. Some of the elders were well educated. The inventory of Plymouth's Elder Brewster, who had been a printer in Holland and a Cambridge student for a year or so, showed a lengthy list of volumes on the books of the Bible, purchased almost annually down the years.

In passing it is interesting to note a coincidence, that Northampton, Deerfield and Northfield each had a Mather as its first minister; Eleazer, Samuel and Warham, respectively. Also all served only a short time, for the first died young, the second left because King Philip's War terminated Deerfield and the last because King William's War ended Northfield's second settlement.

The year after Rev. Benjamin Doolittle came, the town built a meeting house modeled after that at Sunderland, then called Swampfield, size 45 by 30 feet and 18 feet to the beams. The General Court still helped support the minister. The committee to wait on the ministers needs saw to it that he had as part of his salary 62 cords of firewood annually.

The town owned a boat to enable people to get to their fields on the west side of the river. To equalize

the quality of the land, most settlers held land in several localities seemingly an inconvenience. Bricks were made locally from now on. Rye, wheat and flax were the field crops.

The town tythingman not only kept the boys quiet in meeting but inspected the conduct of the sale of liquor, looked out for night walkers, tipplers and Sabbath breakers. He was chosen for his venerable personality. Strict indeed were those Puritans.

By 1731 the wife of Ebenezer Field was keeping the first school in town records. The next year the young men in town elected trustees in town meeting, growing tired of the non-resident Prudential Committee.

The following year, 1732, just 50 years after the first settlement, and 225 years ago, on request that the town be incorporated, because it was able to handle its own prudentials, and the committee lived so distant, Northfield became a town, no longer needing to get approval in Northampton.

In 1722 the town began building 2 forts on the sites of its former north and south ones.

It was in 1740 that Northfield lost much of the north portion of its town, when the Massachusetts line was moved several miles south. New Hampshire, however, neglected to protect its people up the Connecticut from Northfield, as they ventured north. Massachusetts and Connecticut bore this burden in scouting and defending the forts. Vernon, Vt., and Hinsdale, N. H., once belonged to Northfield.

THIS IS FOR LISTENING

This essay is taken from the magazine DRIFTWIND, and reprinted with the express permission of the author, Sylvia H. Bliss.

The Realm of Literature

Strange and mysterious, when one turns to view it, appears this world of ideas developing above the world of rocks, trees and men. A world in which all localities and events are being recorded and all of life appraised and analyzed. Where humanity is faithfully depicted, idealized, extolled, satirized, caricatured. Where the remote past is brought to life with such verisimilitude that the writer appears to have had access to original contemporary documents and where the boldly imagined future is made credible. Fancy sports unhindered, giving birth to creatures never seen on earth; picturing heaven and hell in glory and in shame. Here are disclosed the subtleties of human association, the essence of experience and emotion, embalmed moments, preserved perceptions. Abnormality, corruption, vice. The censor becomes active but to no avail. Experience struggles toward expression. All must be disclosed.

Life rises into literature not in orderly fashion but piecemeal, scattered in time and place. In the Hebrew story of creation God saw everything that he had made and pronounced it good. There was the wholesale approbation. Through the ages man's understanding, appreciation, approbation have bit by bit. Minds arise for the elucidation of each phenomenon. Minds which endeavor to compass the entire process of creation, to tell the stories of history, literature, philosophy, science. Minds to grapple with the grave problems of the universe,

and one to concentrate upon the "Synaptic transmission of nervous impulses through the last abdominal ganglia of a cockroach".

Time yields to the author's manipulation. Three generations of the Forsytes come into being and Eugene O'Neill plans to depict in a cycle of eight plays five generations of an American family. James Joyce devotes seven hundred pages to a scene occurring in the space of nineteen hours of a day in June, while a Russian, Yereinov, discloses in a melodrama the experience of a soul during a mere half second of time.

Nothing is too small or insignificant for translation to the literary realm. Poetry, though traditionally concerned with the sublime and beautiful deigns to tell of the little pimples of small pox, each "with a tear to wail the fault its rising did commit." With "the smell of steaks in passageways," the brave vibration, the "liquefaction of the silk of Julia's clothes." Proust, in prose, devotes six pages to the analysis of a woman's smile.

In the realm of thought the utmost difference of opinion exists. Extreme contradictions dwell side by side in amity. I find: Life is ecstasy; Life is a predicament; He that is greatest let him serve; I do not recognize anyone's right to one minute of my life. Duty: Pleasure a better guide than duty. Peace on earth; Glorification of war. Immortality: — Extinction. God's beautiful right hand; God's awful claw. The very hairs of your head are numbered; as flies to wanton boys are to the gods.

All these opinions existing in a medium which neutralizes and makes them valid in the alembic of creation — as a wise Judge who, hearing the conflicting evidence, rejects none, his conclusion including and surpassing all.

THIS WAYWARD COIL

It's just as well that most of the voters don't have television now — the reports from the GOP convention were pretty sad — television observers said that Dewey looked like he needed a shave — which he didn't, of course — they said that Stassen looked bald — which he isn't, of course — they said Taft looked pale — someone also suggested that perhaps television performers should use make-up — it sounds good, of course — some-

pale, dark or bald — but Republican.

Gallup poll shows that even women say that men are better drivers — how true — how true — they say it — and they say it often — usually from the back seat — and when the car is in the garage — we don't really mean it — because we buy our strawberries from a woman driver — and we don't want anything to happen to those berries next week. —

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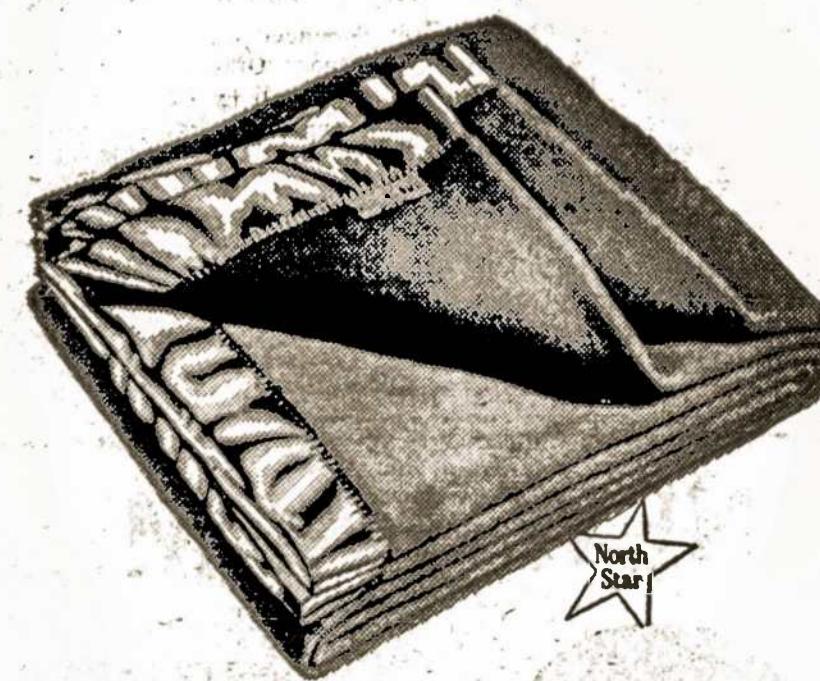


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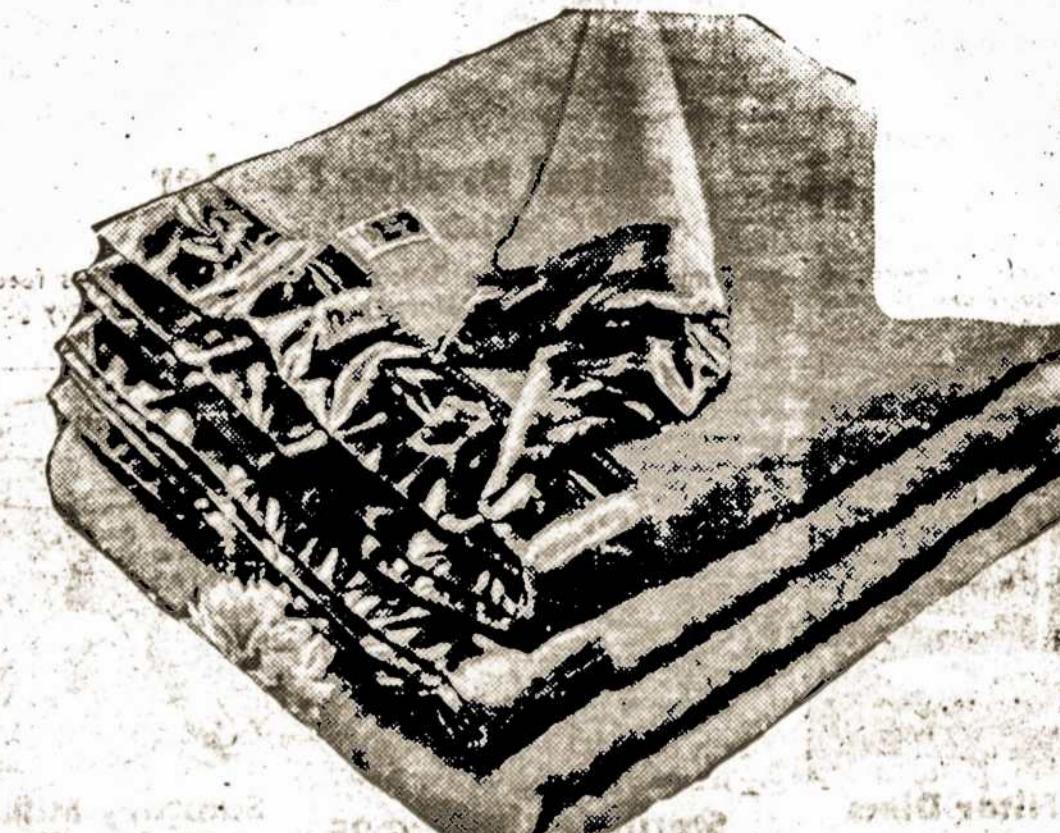
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STRAW HAT CIRCUIT

Brattleboro To Open

The Brattleboro Summer Theatre Company will open its seven week season with a long-run Broadway hit by Chodorov and Fields, *MY SISTER EILEEN*, on July 13.

The future docket of the Brattleboro plays reads like a runover of the all time favorites of Broadway and summer theatre audiences.

Julie Hayden, of the original Broadway cast, will appear in the Tennessee Williams play *THE GLASS MENAGERIE*. Williams, whose current play *THE STREET CAR NAMED DESIRE* has been showered with accolades and awards, staked his claim to the title of being one of the most prominent of young American playwrights with the appearance of *THE GLASS MENAGERIE* on Broadway. The Broadway cast consisted of Laurette Taylor, Eddie Dowling, Julie Hayden and Anthony Ross.

Although Miss Taylor received unanimous critical praise for her role in this play, it was *PEG O'MY HEART* that made her the darling of her day to theatre audiences everywhere. *PEG O'MY HEART* will be presented at the Brattleboro Summer Theatre later in the season.

ett was recently treated to considerable publicity by LIFE magazine.

The story of a Cajun family in Louisiana proved to be a resounding hit when presented by the Lake Charles Little Theatre in Louisiana, and it was of this theater that LIFE made its pictorial report.

SCHOOL FOR BRIDES will follow, opening on July 13.

Keene Company Star



ANN TYRRELL

Town Topics

Miss Ellen J. Briesmaster spent last week end with her parents and family at Valley Vista Inn. Last week Miss Briesmaster, a student nurse at St. Luke's hospital, completed her five month probationary period and was "capped" during the traditional ceremony which her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Briesmaster attended.

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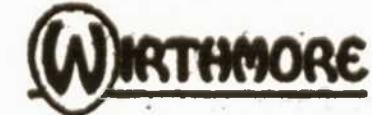
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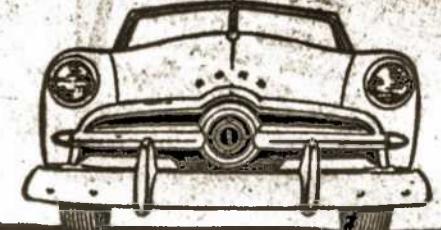
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State VFW Head To Institute New Post

The Northfield Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, as the newest VFW Post will be instituted by a team headed by the newly elected State Commander Emilio F. Mariano, on Saturday, July 10, 8 p.m. at the Town Hall.

State Deputy Chief of Staff John Coleman will head the installation team, and the following newly elected officers will be installed during colorful ceremonies: Commander, Dr. John W. Bennett; Senior Vice-Commander, Robert W. Gingras; Junior Vice Commander, Mark Wright; Quartermaster, Ed-

ward F. Hurley; Judge Advocate, William M. Marshall; Trustees, Harry Holloway, Stanley Johnson and Edward Luciw.

Commander-elect Bennett appointed the following officers: Adjutant, Mott P. Guhse; Service Officer, Stanley Payson; Assistant Service Officer, James Callaghan; Officer of the Day, Donald Lilly; Post Historian and Publicity Officer, Unto Hantunen; Guard, Keith Jacobus.

A large number of overseas veterans met on June 26 at the Grange Hall to discuss the initial steps

to be taken in the formation of a Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Northfield.

Assisting during the evening were a number of V. F. W. officials and plans were rapidly formulated for the swift institution and installation of a post here in Northfield.

The V. F. W. officials stressed the important part that a post of this kind can play in the life of a community in providing services for veterans and their dependents.

Dr. Bennett, pro-tem Commander, urged all those present to make a concerted effort to secure a larger membership and attendance for the next meeting.

Other pro-tem officers for the first meeting were, Mott P. Guhse, Adjutant and Robert W. Gingras, Quartermaster.

Up to the time of the first meeting thirty members had already signed their applications and were therefore charter members of the embryo post, namely: Stanley E. Johnson, Leon C. Mankowski, Charles H. Auclair, Edward A. Luciw, Stanley Payson, Sydney S. Isaacs, Mark L. Wright, Robert W. Gingras, Hubert A. Holloway, Edward F. Hurley, George J. Butynski, Mott P. Guhse, George E. Marshall, Harry L. Geras, Raymond C. Miller, Ross L. Spencer, Jr., William M. Marshall, Roman J. Mankowski, John W. Bennett, Donald E. Lilly, Harry T. Holloway, Thomas J. Hurley, Roger E. Holton, Paul H. Carpenter, Windom E. Holloway, James I. Callaghan, Miles E. Morgan, Vernal G. Hubbard, A. Eugene Irish, Unto Hantunen.

Addressing the assembly during the evening were: John Coleman, of Waltham, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Massachusetts Department of V. F. W. and also Middlesex County Council Commander; E. J. Celentano, Deputy Chief of Staff and J. M. Cournoyer, Aide de Camp to the Dept. Commander, both from North Adams; George W. Lupien, of Waltham, Deputy Chief of Staff; David P. Archambault, Veterans Service Officer of Greenfield.

Portia Chamberlain and Ann Livingston, stepped out of their tender years, to give excellent characterizations of ladies long past their days of growing pains.

Betty Taylor, displayed both histrionic and photographic talents as the woman photographer.

Ralph Barrows, as the jitterbug, kept looking for a "piece of skin" all evening and did it well, to the amusement of the audience.

Neil Sutherland, who lost both his hat and heart during the evening, etched a fine portrait of a distraught professor.

Paul Rikert, gum chewing gladiator of the gridiron, fit to the "t" the strong silent type he was called upon to portray. His slip was showing when his pants were stolen.

Lynn Partridge, the young man of mystery, was properly deceptive as to his antecedents and background, until the last moment, when upon winning the heart of a Kappa Kappa girl he was revealed as a young stockbroker and not an escaped convict.

Boris Oblegow, in an unlisted role, didn't have much chance to display acting proficiency, but he did display a good deal of speed.

The cast, as already noted, was uniformly well chosen and played, with of course, able direction and appropriate stage settings.

Miss Servaes received a handbag from members of the cast.

Ushers for the evening were, Patricia Chapman, Esther Carter, Marita Chamberlain, Naomi Chamberlain, Julie Ginder, Maria Lopez, Leona White, Jean McEwan, Iris Whiting and Jacky Jewett.

Jean McEwan had charge of publicity, Mrs. Sinclair Sutherland was in charge of the sale of candy. David Wells sold tickets at the door. Miss Betty Taylor won a prize for selling the largest number of tickets.

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Norwood King, Neil Sunderland, Sherly Thomas, Ralph Barrows, Fletcher Conway, Paul Rikert, Tony Jones, Lynn Partridge, Mrs. J. Hadley Meredith, Ann Livingston.

The girls of Kappa Kappa, in the midst of prom preparations, find their privacy invaded by a mysterious young man, a female photographer for "Spot" magazine, a Boston society matron and three young gentlemen of assorted talents and physical proportion, and EGGERT, who comes home at last.

The unfolding of the several plots, the solution of several mysteries, and the mutual discovery that love and life will find a way — even if men do wear skirts in times of stress, all combined to give the large town hall audience a pleasant and lively evening of summer (?) entertainment.

The girls of Kappa Kappa, Marion Allen, Carroll Gillespie, Alma Gillespie, Joan Williams, Rosemary Mroczek, Anne Berlind were all appropriately cast, attired and acted.

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